Increase in prices of chemical fertilizers

†523. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been continuous increase in the prices of chemical fertilizers in the country during the last four years;

(b) if so, what were consumer prices of all the chemical fertilizers produced in the country in 1998-99; and

(c) the likely prices of these fertilizers in 2004-2005?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN): (a) to (c) The Maximum Retail Price (MRP)/indicative MRPs of urea and decontrolled phosphatic and potassic fertilizers during 1998-99 and 2004-05 are given in the table below.

Name of fertilizer	MRP/indicative MRPs in 1998-99 (Rs./MT)	Current MRP/indicative MRPs in 2004-05 (Rs./MT)
Urea	4000	4830
Di-ammonium Phosphate (DAP)	8300	9350
Muriate of Potash (MoP)	3700	4455
NPK Complexes		
16:20:00	6400	7100
20:20:00	6500	7280
23:23:00	7100	8000
28:28:00	8000	9080
10:26:26	7300	8360
12:32:16	7400	8480
14:28:14	7300	8300
14:35:14	7500	8660
15:15:15	6200	6980
17:17:17	7200	8100
19:19:19	7300	8300

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